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The training kit for Euro-Mediterranean youth work

In 1998, the Council of Europe and the European Commission decided to take common action in the field of youth. Both institutions initiated a partnership agreement with the aim “to promote active European citizenship and civil society by giving impetus to the training of youth leaders and youth workers working within a European dimension”.

In 2003, additional agreements were signed in the fields of “youth research” and “Euro-Mediterranean youth co-operation”. Since 2005, the partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of Youth activities have been focusing on the following topics: European Citizenship, human rights education and intercultural dialogue, quality and recognition of youth work and training, better understanding and knowledge of youth and youth policy development.

The partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission in the field of Youth brings together the two institutions’ experience in non formal education, youth policy, youth research and youth work practice. The co-operation between the two institutions covers a wide spectrum of activities such as training, seminars, workshops, networking and dialogue design.

Results and other material are made available on the partnership website (<http://youth-partnership.coe.int>) and in various publications, including the Training Kits (T-Kits).

T-Kits are thematic publications written by experienced youth trainers and experts and constitute easy to use handbooks for educational activities.

All activities and publications enhance the exchange of experience and good practice between the actors involved and contribute to the implementation of the political objectives of both partners.

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